

taking place a genocide, which matters—words matter.

And so, thank you for bringing up that part of the world. That's very interesting that you would have that on your mind. You're a decent soul, a decent soul.

All right, I've got to go. Thanks for your time. God bless. Appreciate it.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:26 p.m. at the Port of Tampa. In his remarks, he referred to Gen. John P. Abizaid, USA, combatant commander, U.S. Central Command; Gen. Bryan D. Brown, USA, commander U.S. Special Operations Command; Ambassador to Italy Melvin Sembler and his wife Betty; Mayor Pam Iorio of Tampa, FL; Mayor Rick Baker of St. Petersburg, FL; Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida; Ayman Al-Zawahiri, founder of the Egyptian Islamic Jihad and senior Al Qaida associate; former Mayor Robert Martinez of Tampa, FL; Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad; senior Al Qaida associate Abu Musab Al Zarqawi; President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono of Indonesia; President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan; President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni of Uganda; and Secretary-General Kofi Annan of the United Nations.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

February 11

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

February 13

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing followed by a National Security Council meeting. Later, he participated in a signing ceremony for the 2006 Economic Report of the President and a photo opportunity with members of the Council of Economic Advisers.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Vice President Dick Cheney.

In the evening, at a private residence, the President made remarks at a National Republican Senatorial Committee reception.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert Irwin Cusick, Jr., to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics.

The President announced his intention to nominate James Lambright to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the U.S.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jon T. Rymer to be Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dennis R. Spurgeon to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy).

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science: Oliver K. Baker; Sally K. Mason; Robert Y. Moore; and Harvey S. Rosen.

The President announced his intention to appoint Samuel K. Lessey, Jr., John Stringer Rainey, and William H. Strong as members of the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation: Raymond G. Chambers; Darrell Green; Michelle Nunn; Sara Evans Schelske; and Mark G. Yudof.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to attend the closing ceremonies of the 2006 Olympic Games in Turin, Italy: Rudolph W. Giuliani (head of delegation); Ronald P. Spogli; Mario Andretti; and A. Kenneth Ciongoli.

February 14

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

In the evening, in the State Dining Room, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a Valentine's Day dinner. Later, in the East Room, they attended a Valentine's Day performance.

February 15

In the morning, the President had breakfast with congressional leaders to discuss legislative priorities. Later, he had an intelligence briefing. He then met with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Columbus, OH, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Suraj Naresh Hinduja, before traveling to Dublin, OH. Then, in the employee break room at Wendy's International, Inc., Corporate Headquarters, he participated in a meeting on health savings accounts.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a signing ceremony for H.R. 4636, the Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Conforming Amendments Act of 2005.

February 16

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a meeting with health insurance and business leaders to discuss health care transparency issues. He then participated in a briefing on the war on terror in Iraq with Republican Members of Congress.

In the afternoon, at the historic Evermay house, the President attended a Republican National Committee luncheon.

The President announced his intention to nominate Linda Avery Strachan to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Congressional Relations.

The President announced his intention to appoint Lee J. Styslinger III as a member of the President's Export Council.

The President announced his intention to appoint Joyce A. Silverthorne and Arthur W. Zimiga as members of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education.

February 17

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He also had a telephone conversation with Secretary General Jakob Gijssbert "Jaap" de Hoop Scheffer of NATO to discuss the situation in Darfur, Sudan.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Tampa, FL, where, at MacDill Air Force Base, he met with USA Freedom

Corps volunteer Joe MacDougald. Later, he participated in a briefing on the war on terror with commanders of U.S. Central and Special Operations Commands.

In the afternoon, the President met with family members of a soldier killed in Iraq. Later, he traveled to Orlando, FL, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Shauna Clark. He then traveled to Lake Buena Vista, FL.

In the evening, at Disney's Contemporary Resort, the President attended a Republican Party of Florida dinner. He then returned to Washington, DC.

**Nominations
Submitted to the Senate**

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted February 13

Robert Irwin Cusick, Jr., of Kentucky, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics for a term of 5 years, vice Amy L. Comstock, resigned.

Donald J. DeGabrielle, Jr., of Texas, to be U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas for the term of 4 years, vice Michael Taylor Shelby.

James Lambright, of Missouri, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2009, vice Philip Merrill, resigned.

Dennis R. Spurgeon, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy), (new position).

Submitted February 14

Jerome A. Holmes, of Oklahoma, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, vice Sven E. Holmes, resigned.